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PLEASE RETURN

The INTERIM newsletter has returned. For the information of our new legislators and as a reminder to the veterans, we would like to point out that this is your newsletter published by the Legislative Council to keep you informed of the interim activities of the Legislature. In this newsletter you will find brief descriptions of legislative meetings and announcements for meetings that are planned. We try to keep this newsletter short. If you need additional information on any point, please contact the legislative agency responsible. Please contact the Legislative Council Office with any comments or criticisms about this newsletter.

LEGISLATIVE
COMMITTEE
MEMBERSHIP
LISTED

We have been notified of appointments made to certain statutory and other Legislative Committees. For your convenience a list of those committees is attached. We would appreciate being notified concerning future chairman and vice-chairman elections to the committees. The Legislative Council plans to meet June 18 to assign members to interim study committees. When these members have been appointed, each legislator will receive a reference booklet containing complete information on interim committees.

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INTERIM
STUDY
ASSIGNMENTS

Also enclosed is a list of interim studies assigned by the Legislative Council at its May 19 meeting.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

LEGISLATIVE
PUBLICATIONS

FINAL STATUS

The Combined Final Status has been printed by Boo Walter and her crew in the Legislative Print Room, and a copy will be mailed to each legislator with this newsletter. The Final Status will also be mailed to all subscribers to the Legislative Proceedings under Joint Rule 8-8. The Final Status is furnished free of charge. State agencies and/or private parties may obtain their copies in Room 138, State Capitol.

LEGISLATIVE
REVIEW

The Legislative Review, which contains a summary of each bill passed in 1979 and an index of all code sections affected, is in printing and is expected to be completed by June 18. The Review will be mailed to all legislators and to all code subscribers free of charge.

SESSION
LAWS

We are estimating that the 1979 Laws of Montana (Session Laws) will contain about 2,400 pages. At this time only 1,660 pages have gone to the printer. Hopefully, Session Laws will be distributed some time in July. The cost to the public is not yet known.

JOURNALS

House and Senate Journals are also at the printer and should be distributed in July.

ORDERS
NECESSARY

Section 5-11-203, MCA, provides that the Legislative Council distribute House and Senate Journals and Session Laws to each legislator. However, in the past we have found that many legislators do not want these publications. Since postage is very costly, we are asking that you fill out and return the enclosed order blank if you want the Session Laws and/or Journals. You will not auto-matically be sent these publications.

LEGAL
SERVICES
DIRECTOR
APPOINTED

At its Saturday, May 19 meeting, the Montana Legislative Council appointed Robert Clark Pyfer Director of its Legal Services Division. Pyfer, a native of East Helena, replaces H. David Cogley, who is leaving to pursue a career in residential construction. As Legal Services Director, Pyfer will supervise the Legislature's staff of lawyers in bill drafting, codification, and legislative committee work.

Pyfer graduated cum laude from the University of Montana Law School in 1976. Since graduation from Law School, he has worked as a staff attorney for the Legislative Council during two legislative sessions. His interim duties included aiding in recodification of the Montana statutes as well as serving as staff counsel to the Montana Administrative Code Committee and the Legislative Committee on Indian Legal Jurisdiction.

Pyfer resides in Helena with his wife, Jeanne, and two daughters, Nicole, 3, and Lora, 1.

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE

MEETING The Legislative Audit Committee will meet on
June 20, 1979, in the State Capitol.

REPORT TO The Committee will review the financial/compliance
BE ISSUED audit report on the Department of Revenue, Property
Assessment Division.

REPORTS Audit reports will be available throughout the
biennium to all interested parties. Contact the
Office of the Legislative Auditor, Room 135, State
Capitol, Helena, Montana, telephone 449-3122.

LEGISLATIVE CONSUMER COMMITTEE

MEETING The Legislative Consumer Committee met on May 23,
HELD 1979, and appointed as Consumer Counsel Jim Paine
of Helena, who is presently on the staff of the
Public Service Commission. Mr. Paine will replace
Geoffrey Brazier who has resigned effective
June 30.

COURT The Consumer Counsel will hire witnesses to defend
APPEALS a court appeal brought by Mountain Bell from a
recent Public Service Commission decision and was
authorized to appeal an anticipated decision of
the Public Service Commission permitting Montana-
Dakota Utilities Co. to implement a deferred gas
cost accounting plan which the Consumer Counsel
contends would cause rates to increase without a
hearing or permission from the Public Service
Commission.

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TENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEES

Studies staffed by Legislative Council:

Study

HJR 54 Annexation Laws
HJR 65/59 Prison needs/ corrections policy/sentencing
HJR 49 Branching of Financial Institutions
HJR 17 Energy Forecasting
HJR 38 Local Government Costs (etc.)
HJR 40 Retirement Systems
HJR 1 Indian Relations
HJR 56 Container Deposits
HJR 62 Seed Certifications
HJR 37 Legislative Improvement
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Capitol Building and Planning
Salary Commission
Revenue Oversight (HJR 42)

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* Study Conducted by Legislative Finance Committee

HJR 58 University Funding

Study staffed by Environmental Quality Council:

HJR 21 Developing Industries Compatible with Environment

Study by Department of Livestock/MSU:

Laboratory Needs of Livestock Industry

* Subject to change

